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7 **10400 STUDENT ACTIVITIES**
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9 10450 Interscholastic Athletics
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11 The Board recognizes the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral
12 part of the total school experience to all students of the District and to the community.
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14 An interscholastic activity will be regarded as District sponsored only upon the approval
15 of the Board.
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17 It shall be the policy of the Board to offer opportunities for participation in interscholastic
18 programs to male and female students on an equal basis as is practical and in accordance
19 with applicable laws and regulations.
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21 The Board shall determine the standards of eligibility of all students participating in the
22 interscholastic program. Such standards shall require that each student be covered by
23 student accident-medical insurance or its equivalent, be in good physical condition, be
24 free of injury and shall have fully recovered from illness as determined by a physician,
25 before participation in any interscholastic athletic events.
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27 The Board further adopts those eligibility standards set by the constitution of the
28 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.
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30 The Superintendent is designated by the Board to have authority over the entire athletic
31 program.
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33 The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop procedures on an
34 as needed basis to address needs.
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36 In preparing these procedures, the Superintendent is directed to issue procedures which
37 are consistent with the mission of the District as enunciated in the Policy Manual or other
38 directives of the Board. The Superintendent or his/her designee is directed to update
39 annually the Athletic Handbook. The Handbook shall contain procedures to support this
40 athletic policy including but not limited to rules, responsibilities and duties of all coaches
41 and volunteers and other staff involved in the athletic program.
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43 Furthermore, the Building Administrator shall be in charge of the athletic program in
44 his/her school.
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Specific Rules:

1. Principals and their designees, coaches and students shall conform to the requirements of the P.I.A.A. Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the P.I.A.A. and District Policies and Procedures.
2. The Board prefers that the District support student activities, but it may be necessary for students to raise funds to support these activities. Fundraising must be approved and supervised by the principal; funds raised will be used solely to reimburse the District for costs advanced by the District for that activity. If a student helps in raising funds to support their activity, this does not guarantee a position or preferential treatment as a member of that team. If a student does not participate in raising funds to support the activity, he/she will not be denied a position on the team or receive non-preferential treatment as a member of the team.
3. The Building Administrator or his/her designee will be in attendance at all athletic home contests.
4. There shall be no athletic practices on major holidays. Athletic practices may be conducted during other school vacation periods. Only practices may be held on Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day by special permission of the principal.
5. The Building Administrator shall adhere to Policy 10465 with regard to the proposed elimination of any athletic team.

Note: Safety and Well-Being of Student Athletes

When ~~contest~~ scheduling decisions made outside of the control of Warren County School District generate a Sunday contest, varsity teams may **travel and** compete with the prior permission of the Superintendent or his/her **Central Office** designee. Additionally, when a Monday contest is scheduled, varsity teams may practice, with the prior, permission of the Superintendent or his/her **Central Office** designee, on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (the practice must occur during these hours and cannot exceed 2 hours in duration). ~~No other Sunday contests or practices are to be considered for approval.~~ **If other special circumstances arise, the Superintendent or his/her Central Office designee may grant varsity teams permission for Sunday travel, practices (from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and not exceeding 2 hours in duration) and contests. Any permission that is granted by the Superintendent or his/her Central Office designee pursuant to this paragraph for Sunday travel, practices, or contests must be in compliance with applicable PIAA requirements.**

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